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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: David M. GOLDENBERG

Title: IMMUNOTHERAPY OF MALIGNANT
AND AUTOIMMUNE DISORDERS IN
DOMESTIC ANIMALS USING NAKED
ANTIBODIES, IMMUNOCONJUGATES
AND FUSION PROTEINS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 11, 13-21 and 23-48, for examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, drawn to a method for treating B-cell, T-cell, myeloid cell, mast-cell or plasma-cell disorder that is a cancer malignancy, and Group II, drawn to a method for treating B-cell, T-cell, myeloid cell, mast-cell or plasma-cell disorder that is an autoimmune disease. Restriction was required because the two groups involve treatment of distinct disorders. Applicant respectfully disagrees that this is a proper basis for restriction.

The present antibodies are specific to the same antigens and therefore target the same cell types, regardless of whether they are used to treat a malignancy or an autoimmune disorder. The fact that different disorders may be treated by targeting these cell types is not a

proper basis for restriction. The two types of disorder, malignancy and autoimmune, are more properly denoted as species in a genus, which are linked by generic claim 1. In this case, Applicant provisionally elects the treatment of autoimmune disorders for initial examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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